

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
State WASHINGTON

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATIONS

- I. The State may make an advanced group determination that nursing facility (NF) services are needed under the following categories:

A. CONVALESCENT CARE:

The applicant is admitted directly to a NF from a hospital for convalescent care for an acute physical illness under the following circumstances:

1. The individual's attending physician has certified before admission to the facility that the individual is likely to require less than 45 days of nursing facility services.
2. Convalescent care is required to treat a condition other than the one that resulted in the hospital admission.

B. TERMINAL ILLNESS:

The applicant's attending physician has certified prior to NF placement, an explicit terminal prognosis with a life expectancy of less than 6 months.

C. SEVERE PHYSICAL ILLNESS:

The applicant's level of impairment is so severe that the individual is determined to need NF services. An individualized assessment for specialized services must be performed.

D. RESPIRE CARE:

The applicant is admitted to a NF for a period not to exceed 30 days a year in order to provide respite to in-home caregivers. The applicant is expected to return home after this period.

E. EMERGENCY SITUATIONS:

Provisional admission pending further assessment in emergency situations requiring protective services, with placement in a NF not to exceed 7 days.

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F. DELIRIUM:

Provisional admission pending further assessment in cases of delirium where an accurate diagnosis cannot be made until the delirium clears. The applicant must have a primary diagnosis of delirium as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 3rd edition (DSM-III-R).

II. The State may make an advanced group determination that specialized services are not needed under the following categories:

A. INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA WHICH EXIST IN COMBINATION WITH MENTAL RETARDATION:

Individuals with dementia, which exist in combination with mental retardation or a related condition, do not need specialized services. The applicant has a primary diagnosis of dementia as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 3rd edition (DSM-III-R).

B. DELIRIUM:

Provisional determination pending further assessment in cases of delirium where an accurate evaluation cannot be made until the delirium clears. The applicant must have a primary diagnosis of delirium as defined in the DSM-III-R.

C. EMERGENCY SITUATIONS:

Provisional determination pending further assessment in emergency situations requiring protective services, with placement in the NF not to exceed 7 days.

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D. RESPITE CARE:

An individualized assessment regarding the need for specialized services is required only when there is reason to believe the individual may suffer a developmental or physical decline if these services are not provided during the respite stay. The individual's respite care schedule should remain as close to the home environment's schedule as possible.

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